

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A computer communication system for communicating among users on an electronic communication network comprising:

a plurality of user accessible stations connected to said network;

5 application software configured to effect transfer of communication between said stations and said communication server;

said software including a graphic user interface for indicating communication transfer to at least one said station, said application software further permitting selective communication modes, said modes being user selectable through said graphic user
10 interface.

2. A computer system of claim 1 wherein said communication modes include text, audio, video, voice and combinations thereof.

3. A computer system of claim 2 wherein said application software includes text-to-speech conversion capabilities.

4. A computer system of claim 2 wherein each station supports two-way text, audio, video and voice communication and combinations thereof.

5. A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to identify users accessing said stations.

09765092.01701

6. A computer system of claim 5 wherein said application software is configured to permit specific user access at each of said plurality of stations.

7. A computer system of claim 1 further including a communication server connected to said plurality of stations.

8. A computer system of claim 7 wherein said application software includes server-based software configured to effect communication between said plurality of stations and said communication server.

9. A computer system of claim 8 wherein said server-based software is operative to effect communication among said plurality of stations.

10. A computer system of claim 9 wherein said application software includes station-based software configured to effect communication directly between said plurality of stations.

11. A computer system of claim 10 wherein said station-based software is user configurable.

12. A computer system of claim 10 wherein said station-based software includes message indicating capability for providing an indication at said station of receipt of said communication.

09765092.011701

13. A computer system of claim 12 wherein said message indicating capability includes graphic and audio indications and combinations thereof.

14. A method of communication over a network, said network including a plurality of user accessible stations comprising the steps of:

providing application software for permitting communication between said stations, said application software including a graphic user interface for indicating communication data transfer at one of said stations, said software permitting user selectable communication modes;

transferring communication data from one of said plurality of stations to another of said plurality of stations; and

selecting one of said user selectable communications modes through said graphic user interface at said another station.

15. A method of claim 14 wherein said selecting step includes:

selecting through said graphic user interface, said communication data in text, audio, video, voice modes or combinations thereof.

16. A method of claim 15, wherein said application software is configured to provide text-to-speech capability and wherein said selecting step further includes:

selecting through said graphic user interface, said text-to-speech conversion for said communication mode.

09765092 041701
10/21/02 25059260

17. A method of claim 14 further including:
selecting one or more said users of said network to whom communication is desired.
18. A method of claim 14 further including:
selecting one or more said stations to which communication is desired.
19. A method of claim 14, wherein said transferring step includes:
entering said communication data at one of said plurality of stations; and
selecting said one or more said users of said network to whom communication is desired.
20. A method of claim 14, wherein said transferring step includes:
entering said communication data at one of said plurality of stations; and
selecting one or more said stations to which communication is desired.